matter of official ceremonies reservation for journey by Railways and Indian Airlines and reservation for Government accommodation, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): As per the Government instructions, in public functions organised by the Central Government in various States, the Members of Parliament of the area are to be invariably invited and all courtesies extended to them as per the Warrant of Precedence. For reservations in Railways, Indian Airlines and Government guest houses/holiday homes, due priority is to be given to the Members of Parliament.

Controversy over spectrum allocation

2967. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the controversy over spectrum allocation between cellular mobile operators using Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) and the coded division multiple access technology, been sorted out;

(b) if so, whether the Association of Unified Telecom Service Providers of India has been taken into confidence; and

(c) the long term solution for finding solution for this problem, which is affecting adversely the spread of mobile services in the rural areas, where it is required urgently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is presently seized with the matter relating to spectrum allocation for 3rd Generation (3G) services by cellular mobile operators using Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) and Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) technologies. TRAI has also released the Consultation Paper on "Allocation and pricing to spectrum for 3G services and Broadband Wireless Access".

(b) Comments from various stakeholders, including those from Association of Unified Service Providers of India (AUSPI) have been received by TRAI on their Consultation Paper in this regard. Open House Discussion on the Consultation Paper was also held on 7th July, 2006 in New Delhi.

(c) Spectrum Policy would take into account all relevant issues, including spectrum allocation issues for 3G services. Nevertheless, there is no constraint on spectrum availability for the spread of existing second generation (2G) mobile services in the rural areas.

Amendment in website

2968. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Commission has recently instructed the Department of Personnel and Training to amend its website, which indicates that "file noting" are not included under the Right to Information Act despite Commission Orders to the contrary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) In an appeal filed by Shri Pyarelal Verma against Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), the Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, in his Order dated 13/07/2006, *inter alia* directed the Department of Personnel and Training to remove the instruction relating to non-disclosure of file notings from its website. According to legal opinion made available to Government, the order of Central Information Commission is void.

Implementation of Reservation of SCs/STs/OBCs

†2969. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL:
PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that policy for reservation in jobs for SCs/STs and OBCs is not being followed properly in all ministries/departments/ undertakings/related institutions and bodies etc. of Central Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that partiality and discrimination is done at the time of interview for selection of reserved category candidates as a result vacancies for reserved category are not filled; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.